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The Daily Summary

PORTUGAL: May Day festivities may give the left a chance to demonstrate its political strength. Meanwhile, political groups are organizing, student activity is on the rise, and labor unions are electing new leaders. (Page 1)

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Left Will Show Its Strength Today in Lisbon

A large crowd is expected to turn out in Lisbon to celebrate May Day, which has been declared a compulsory national holiday. The left, in particular, is likely to use the festivities to demonstrate its political strength. The junta has urged the Portuguese people to respect the armed forces on the streets and to celebrate in an orderly fashion.

Political groups are busily organizing, issuing manifestos, and collecting funds. Socialist leader Mario Soares and Communist Party leader Alvaro Cunhal are playing prominent roles. Each received an enthusiastic welcome upon his return from exile.

Student associations previously closed by the Caetano government are (See Lisbon... Page 4)

Lisbon Coup Has Little Impact in Spain

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The recent political upheaval in Portugal is not likely to have an immediate impact on Spain.

The Spanish media have kept the Spanish public informed of developments in Portugal. General Spínola, the leader of the junta, is remembered for his participation on Franco's side in the Spanish Civil War. Excerpts from Spínola's book, which helped precipitate the change in Portugal, have been published in two of Spain's newspapers.

Knowledgeable Spanish observers believe the change in Portugal has limited meaning for their country

because Spain has not experienced a frustrating colonial war or a prolonged economic stagnation.

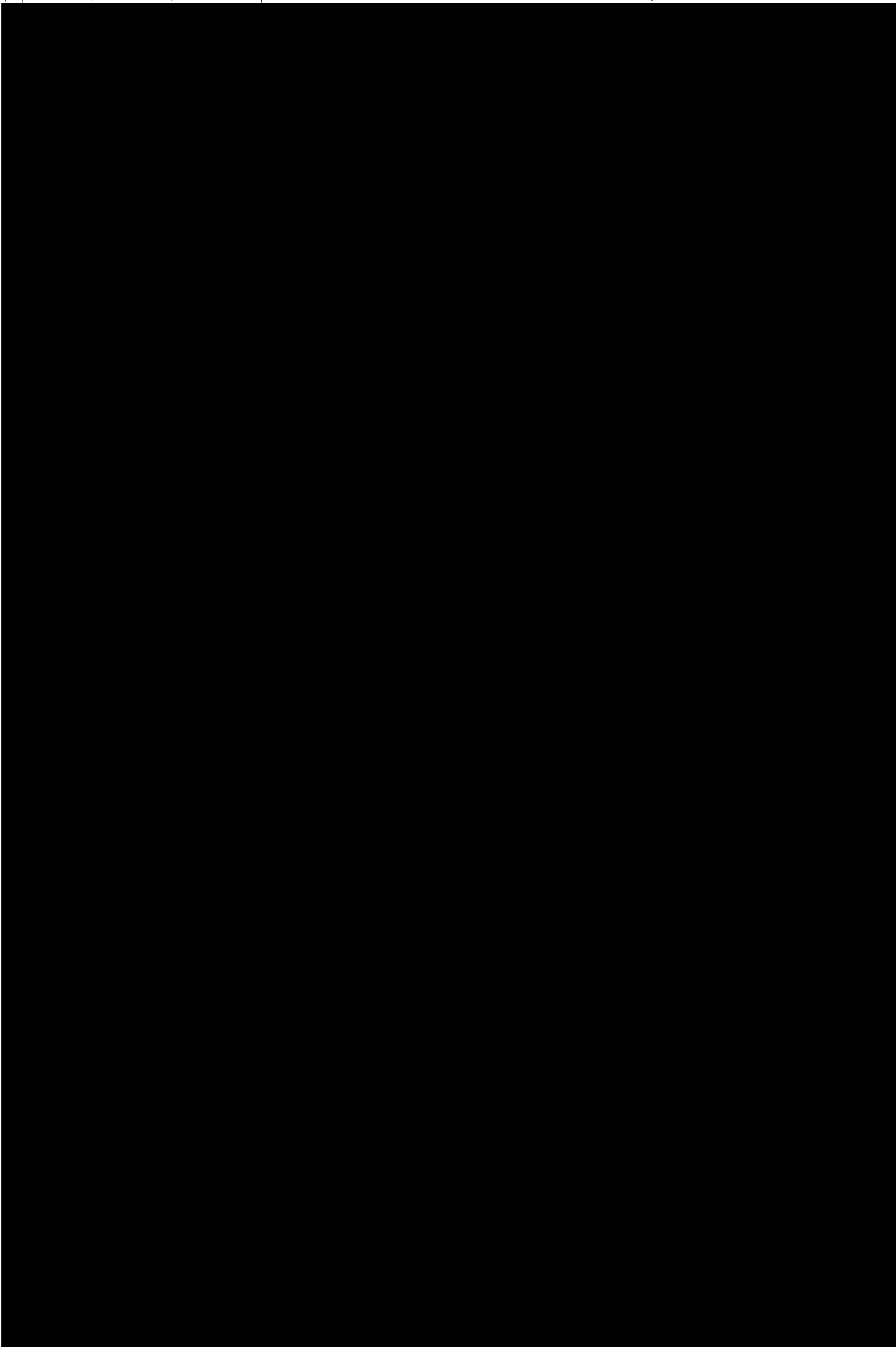
Conservative and reactionary forces see the Portuguese change as a reason for moving cautiously on the plans for political liberalization announced by Prime Minister Arias last February. Opponents of his government are encouraged to hope the Portuguese example will speed Spanish liberalization.

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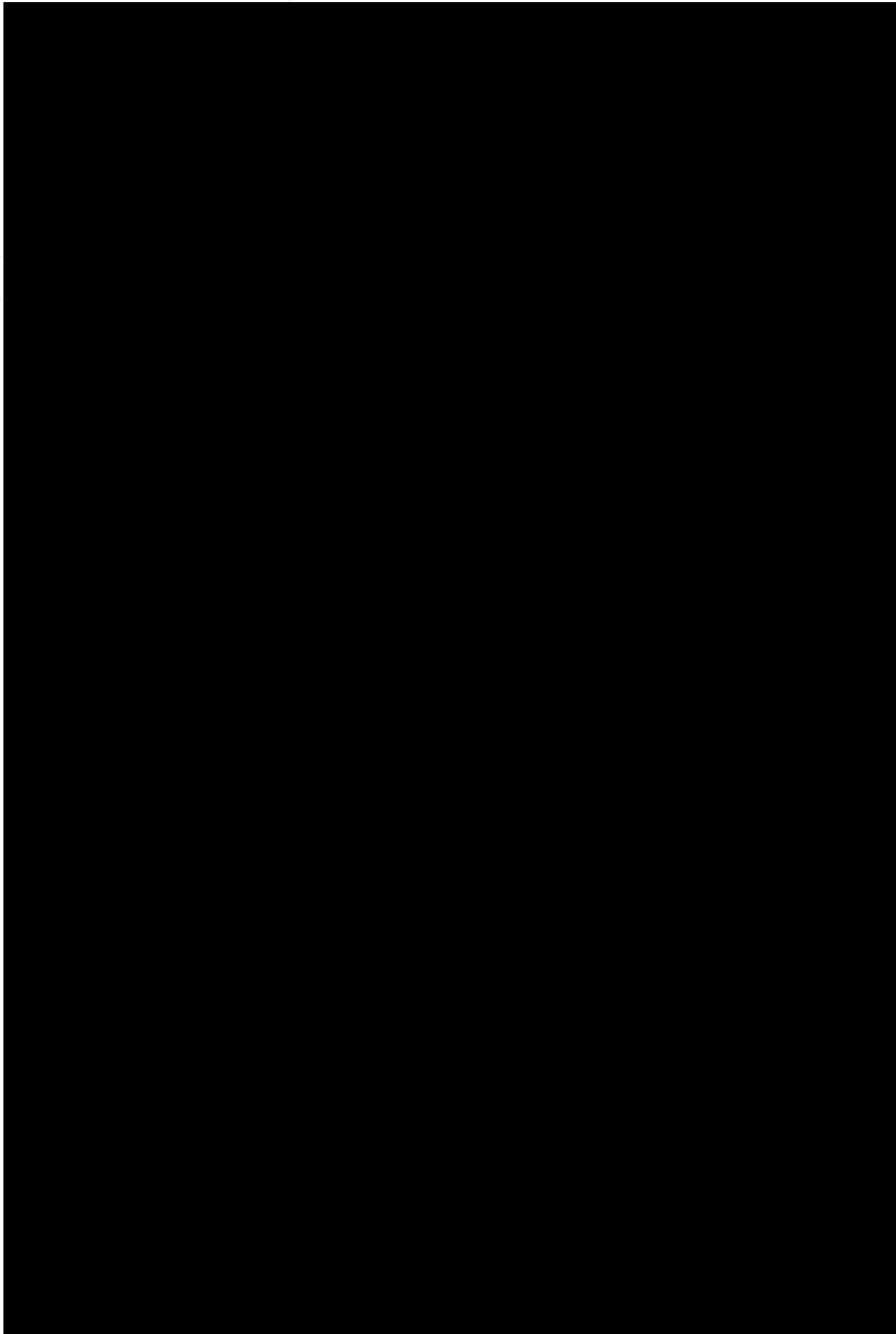
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reopening, and campus political activity appears to be on the rise. Labor unions in both Lisbon and Oporto have fired leaders foisted on them by the previous government and are electing new ones.

The whereabouts of a number of prominent people associated with the Caetano government are not known, but we have no reports of their arrest. Ex-foreign minister Rui Patricio collapsed after the coup and for health reasons has been allowed to remain in Lisbon, rather than join former prime minister Caetano and former president Thomaz in exile.



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